

REMARKS

The specification is hereby amended to claim priority to its parent application. Further, the Applicant hereby cancels claims 1-10 and adds claim 11. Support for new claim 11 can at least be found at page 3, paragraphs [0011] and [0012] of the application, as originally filed. Support for new FIG. 1D can at least be found at original paragraph [0012], lines 19-23 and Claim 2, as originally filed. Applicant submits that FIG. 1D does not add new subject matter, since it is merely a pictorial representation of the text. The specification has also been amended to replace the words "transitional" on lines 11 and 12 of paragraph [0011] with the words "longitudinal." The use of the words "transitional" in these sentences is a typographical error. The definition of portions 30 and 35 is provided in line 8 of paragraph [0011] so no new matter has been added.

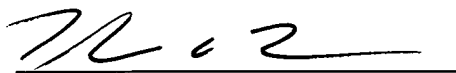
CONCLUSION

The Applicant respectfully requests entry of this amendment prior to examination of the application on the merits. A second preliminary amendment will follow. In the event the second preliminary amendment is not matched with the file of this continuation application when received by the Examiner, the Applicant's undersigned representative would appreciate a telephone call from the Examiner advising of same.

Respectfully submitted,

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